



Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF ALBAY  
Legazpi City

## Office of the Governor

**AL FRANCIS C. BICHARA**  
Governor

**Executive Order No. 09**  
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### **AN ORDER IMPLEMENTING CLOSURE OF BORDERS IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY**

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 dated March 8, 2020 declaring the Philippines under the "State of Public Health Emergency" by reason of COVID-19 enjoining all Local Government Units (LGUs) to render full assistance and cooperation for the immediate action to prevent loss of life and to utilize resources to implement urgent and critical measures to contain or prevent the spread of the virus and mitigate its effect to the community;

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, a Memorandum from the Executive Secretary, Atty. Salvador C. Medialdea, was issued expanding the scope of the community quarantine to entire Luzon and providing guidelines for the management of the COVID-19 situation.

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020 President Rodrigo Duterte issued Proclamation No. 929 declaring a "State of Calamity" throughout the Philippines due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) to afford the national government, as well as Local Government Units (LGUs), ample latitude to utilize appropriate funds, including the quick response funds, in their disaster preparedness and response efforts to contained the spread of COVID-19 and to continue to provide basic services to the affected population;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, AL FRANCIS C. BICHARA**, Governor of the Province of Albay, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**SECTION I. CLOSURE OF BORDERS OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY.** All borders shall be declared closed effective 12 midnight of March 18, 2020 and shall remain in full force and effect until lifted.

Entry of persons to the Province of Albay, particularly the Albay-Camarines Sur border, Tiwi-Camarines Sur (Tiwi-Sangay Coastal Road) border and Albay-Sorsogon border, including all other possible entry points – by land, air, sea, shall be restricted, except to the following:

I. Persons carrying and/or transporting basic and essential goods such as food, medicine, water, agricultural products and implements such as fertilizers, feeds, inputs and the like, power/telecommunication equipment and supplies and the like, subject to the following conditions:

a. Upon entry to the border of the province the delivery vehicle shall undergo sanitation procedure at the instance of the consignee.

b. The driver shall declare the name of the shipper, name of consignee, names and addresses of the companions/helpers;

c. The checkpoint personnel shall issue passage slip stating the time of entry to the provincial border, the estimated travel time from border entry point to delivery destination; estimated unloading time and turnaround time;

d. The personnel at the point of entry checkpoint shall call the consignee to verify and inform consignee that they will take charge of the unloading, otherwise, the delivery vehicle will not be allowed to proceed to its destination unless assured that consignee will take charge of the unloading at said destination.

If consignee does not confirm nor reply, the delivery vehicle shall be placed on hold at a designated holding area until confirmation is made by the consignee.

e. Upon arrival at the final destination the cargo shall be immediately unloaded.

The driver and passengers/helpers shall stay and remain inside the delivery vehicle all throughout the time the cargo is being unloaded.

“No contact” as well as distancing policy shall be observed all throughout the time of unloading until departure.

f. The consignee shall take charge of the unloading using his/her own porters/handlers at the final point of destination, taking precautionary measures to avoid possible contamination.

g. Should the driver and companions/helpers stay overnight they shall undergo mandatory fourteen (14) days quarantine period, to be released at the end of said period. Similar quarantine procedure shall be imposed in case of the allowable time line for travel time from entry point to final destination, unloading time and turnaround time, but time allowance shall not exceed twelve (12) hours reckoned from the time logged at the first border entry point of the province until time of exit at the first point of entry to the border of the province. Thus, if the twelve (12) hour time allowance is exceeded the driver/helper/companion shall undergo mandatory 14-day quarantine.

h. Immediately after the cargo is unloaded the said vehicle shall depart;

i. The employee in charge of the warehouse or place where the goods were delivered shall issue a passage ticket/paper indicating therein receipt of goods, name and complete address of the driver and passengers/companions, the time of arrival and departure from cargo destination. Thereafter, the consignee/representative shall secure issuance of clearance from the Mayor where the delivery was made stating full compliance to the requirements/conditions imposed on the consignee in so far as the delivery procedure is concern.

With regard to sea transport and aircrafts the same restriction applies.

2. Government officials of neighboring province or region on official mission related to COVID-19 prevention and control, e.g. inter-agency meeting/coordination related to COVID-19 issues and the like; and

3. Ambulance and/or medical/health workers responding to emergency situations.

In all the aforementioned instances, the local chief executives of the point of entry shall supervise the implementation of these provisions and monitoring of said operational activities. In the case of air and sea transport the coast guards and CAAP, as the case maybe shall assist the local chief executive in the supervision of said operation.

**SECTION 2. INTER-AGENCY COVID-19 BORDER MONITORING AND REGULATION TASK FORCE AND ITS FUNCTIONS.** The Inter-agency COVID-19 Border Monitoring and Regulation Task Force is hereby created and shall be composed of the following.

1. Officials of the concerned Local Government Units and Barangay Officials;
2. Members of the Philippine National Police;
3. Members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines;
4. Members of Coast Guard;
5. Members of Philippine Ports Authority; and
6. Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines

The Inter-agency COVID-19 Border Monitoring and Regulation Task Force is hereby authorized to secure all borders of the Province of Albay by setting up check points to prevent and restrict entry of all vehicles and persons prohibited from entry pursuant to this Executive Order.

**SECTION 3.** This order takes effect immediately and supersedes or modifies any order or memorandum issued that may be inconsistent herewith.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Province of Albay, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 at the City of Legazpi, Philippines.



APPROVED: [REDACTED] - IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR